



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCT 12, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- **The Tamil Nadu government - has appointed retired IAS officer K. Satyagopal as Chairman and Managing Director of 'Tamil Nadu Water Resources Conservation and Rivers Restoration Corporation'**



- ✓ He would be holding the position for a period of one year.
- ✓ Mr. Satyagopal was former Commissioner of Revenue Administration.

NATIONAL

- **The Union Cabinet - has approved the proposal to increase the honorariums for ASHA workers to Rs 2000 from the present, Rs 1000 per month**
- ✓ The hike will benefit around 10 lakh ASHA workers across the country
- ✓ Union Minister Prakash Javadekar announced the hike after a cabinet meeting
- ✓ ASHA or Accredited social health activists (ASHAs) are community health workers, who are trained to act as an interface between the public health system and the community

- ✓ They were formed as part of the National rural health mission under the government's Health and family welfare ministry.
 - ✓ The Prime Minister had earlier announced the free insurance cover for all ASHA workers under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Suraksha Bima Yojana.
 - ✓ The Government is aiming to set up around 40,000 wellness centres in the country under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme
- **Union Health Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan - launched the 'WHO India Country Cooperation Strategy 2019–2023: A Time of Transition' in New Delhi**



- ✓ The strategy provides a roadmap to plan the work of WHO with India in achieving its health sector goals.
- ✓ In the health sector, the Union Government launched several initiatives to support WHO's goals, which includes the Fit India movement, Poshan Abhiyaan and the Eat Right India movement.
- ✓ The strategy document compliments other key strategic policy documents including India's National Health Policy 2017 and Ayushman Bharat mission.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **United Kingdom – is planning its first ever Rover mission to the lunar surface in 2021.**
- ✓ If successful, UK will become fourth country in the world to put a rover on the moon, after the US, Russia and China.
 - ✓ UK is planning to send a tiny robotic lunar lander — the smallest ever made — with legs instead of wheels resembling a spider.
 - ✓ The robot was designed by a UK based start-up space company, SpaceBit
 - ✓ The rover is battery-powered along with a small solar panel, which will harness energy from the sun.

- ✓ Nasa is also planning to send a separate lander by the same period, which is expected to land near the region of Mare Serenitatis — the Sea of Serenity — in June or July 2021

ECONOMY

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) - rejected the proposed merger plan between Indiabulls Housing Finance and Lakshmi Vilas bank (LVB)**
- ✓ Earlier, the Competition Commission of India had given its approval for the merger in the month of June this year
- ✓ Of late, LVB has been put under the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework by RBI for several performance-related issues and violations
- ✓ Delhi's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) registered an FIR against the LVB board last month, alleging cheating and misappropriation.
- ✓ It has to be recalled that RBI had rejected the similar merger plan between these two entities in 2014 too.

AWARDS

- **Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed - won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end the 20-year old border conflict with neighbouring foe Eritrea that had claimed millions of lives.**



- ✓ This is the second year in a row that an African has received the Nobel Peace Prize
- ✓ Congolese gynaecologist Denis Mukwege shared the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize with Yazidi activist Nadia Murad for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war.
- ✓ This year marks the 100th Nobel Peace award since 1901

- **Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu – conferred with ‘The Order of the Green Crescent’ by Union of Comoros in Moroni, its capital**



- ✓ President of the Union of Comoros, Azali Assoumani gave away the country’s highest civilian honour to the Vice President on October 11
 - ✓ India and Comoros have signed six agreements, including defence cooperation, education, culture and health.
 - ✓ India has agreed to extend a Line of Credit of \$20 million to Comoros for strengthening bilateral defence and maritime cooperation
 - ✓ Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu is on the official visit of Comoros and Sierra Leone from 10 October to 14 October
- **Senior Indian Forest Service officer, Ramesh Pandey – has been selected for the ‘Asia Environmental Enforcement Award’**



- ✓ Pandey has been chosen by the United Nations Environment Programme for the prestigious award

- ✓ He will be conferred with the award on November 13, 2019, at the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok
- ✓ Pandey, currently posted as the Chief Conservator Forests in Lucknow, is known for his investigation on poachers and in controlling trans-boundary environmental crime.

SPORTS

- **Indian cricket captain, Virat Kohli – scores a record 7th double century in Tests, the most among Indian batsmen**
- ✓ He also became the first Indian captain to make a 250-plus score in Test cricket.
- ✓ Kohli joined VVS Laxman, Sehwag (four times), Rahul Dravid and Karun Nair in scoring 250-plus in Test matches
- ✓ Kohli achieved the feat during India's second test match against South Africa at the Mumbai Cricket Association Stadium in Pune.
- ✓ Virat Kohli has become the first Indian captain to score 40 hundreds after he completed his 26th test century
- ✓ Australia's Ricky Ponting holds the record for most international hundreds as a skipper

KOHLI CLIMBS MT 7K, SETS RECORD FOR DOUBLE TONS

▶ Indian skipper's career-best unbeaten 254 puts India on top in 2nd Test against Proteas

▶ Kohli (7,054 runs) goes past England's Joe Root (7,043) to become the highest run-getter among active Test players

7,000

Runs in Test cricket for Kohli in 138 innings. Only 3 batsmen got there faster – Wally Hammond (131 innings), Virender Sehwag (134) and Sachin Tendulkar (136). Garry Sobers and Kumar Sangakkara also took 138 innings

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Double centuries by Virat, the most by an Indian batsman, going past Tendulkar and Sehwag's 6. Kohli now behind only Don Bradman (12), Sangakkara (11) and Brian Lara (9); tied with Hammond and Mahela Jayawardene. Kohli has hit 7 double tons since June 2016. No other batsman has scored more than two in this period

UNSTOPPABLE: Virat Kohli celebrates his double century in Pune on Friday

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- ✓ Virat Kohli also created the record of scoring the most number of 150 plus scores (9 times) as a captain in international cricket, surpassing Australia's Don Bradman who topped the list previously with eight 150 plus scores

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ International Day of Girl child – October 11



- ✓ The day intends to highlight and address the needs and challenges faced by Girl children.
- ✓ It also aims at promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.
- ✓ Theme 2019 - "GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable"
- ✓ United Nations General Assembly on 19 December, 2011 adopted a resolution 66/170 to declare 11 October as the International Day of the Girl Child
- ✓ Thus, the first International Day of the Girl Child was observed on 11 October 2012 and with the theme "Ending Child Marriage".
- ✓ World Conference on Women took place in Beijing in 1995 where countries unanimously adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which was considered as the most progressive blueprint for the rights of women and girls
- ✓ In India, National Girl Child Day is celebrated every year on 24 January.

➤ World Mental Health Day - October 10



- ✓ The day intends to create awareness regarding mental health issues and mobilize efforts to support mental health.
- ✓ Theme 2019 – ‘suicide prevention’
- ✓ WHO has launched an awareness campaign called “40 seconds of action” to raise awareness of the large scale of suicide around the world
- ✓ According to WHO, almost every 40 seconds, someone loses their life by committing suicide
- ✓ World Federation for Mental Health organizes the events around the world on the eve of the day along with the support of WHO and International Association for Suicide Prevention and United for Global Mental Health

